SPECIAL STATUS APPLICATION

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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-31 (canceled)

32. (currently amended) An antiseptic composition comprising at least one salt of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA) and a solvent, wherein the at least one EDTA salt comprises tetra-sodium EDTA and is at a concentration of at least ~~1%~~ 2.0% (w/v) and less than 15% (w/v), wherein the antiseptic composition has a bactericidal effect over a broad spectrum of microbes, [[and]] wherein the antiseptic composition has a pH of at least 9.5, and wherein the antiseptic composition is safe and biocompatible, at least in modest volumes, in a patient's bloodstream.

Claim 33. (canceled)

34. (currently amended) ~~An antiseptic~~ A composition of ~~claim~~ any of claims 32, 54, 55, or 56, comprising tri-sodium and tetra-sodium EDTA.

Claims 35-36 (canceled)

37. (currently amended) ~~An antiseptic~~ A composition of ~~claim~~ any of claims 32, 54, 55, or 56, wherein the solvent comprises less than 10% (v/v) ethanol and water ~~and an alcohol~~.

Claim 38. (canceled)

39. (currently amended) ~~An antiseptic~~ A composition of ~~claim~~ any of claims 32, 54, 55 or 56, wherein the solvent comprises saline.

40. (currently amended) ~~An antiseptic~~ A composition of any of claims 32, 54, 55 or 56, that is substantially free from an agent other than EDTA salt(s) having antimicrobial and/or anti-fungal activity that is at least 50% of the anti-microbial and/or antifungal activity of a sodium EDTA salt composition in aqueous solution at a concentration of 4% (w/v) and at a pH of 10.5.

41. (currently amended) ~~An antiseptic~~ A composition of claim 32 formulated for topical application to surfaces and objects.

42. (currently amended) ~~An antiseptic~~ A composition of ~~claim~~ any of claims 32, 54, 55, or 56, comprising tri- and tetra-sodium EDTA salts in an aqueous solvent at a concentration of between 2.0% and 8.0% (w/v) EDTA salt(s).

Claim 43. (canceled)

44. (currently amended) ~~An antiseptic~~ A composition of ~~claim~~ any of claims 32, 54, 55, or 56, in a sterile, pyrogen-free form.

45. (currently amended) ~~An antiseptic~~ A composition provided in a dry or partially hydrated formulation that, upon reconstitution with a solvent, forms an antiseptic composition of ~~claim 1~~ any of claims 32, 54, 55, or 56.

46. (currently amended) ~~An antiseptic~~ A composition of ~~either~~ any of claims 32, ~~or 41~~ 54, 55, or 56 in sterile condition in a pre-filled syringe.

47. (currently amended) ~~An antiseptic~~ A composition of ~~either~~ any of claims 32, ~~or 41~~ 54, 55, or 56 in a sterile condition in a single-dosage vial.

Claims 48-53 (canceled)

54. (new) An antiseptic composition consisting essentially of at least one salt of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA) and a solvent, wherein the at least one EDTA salt comprises tetra-sodium EDTA and is at a concentration of at least 2.0% (w/v) and less than 15% (w/v), wherein the antiseptic composition has a bactericidal effect over a broad spectrum of microbes, and wherein the antiseptic composition has a pH greater than 9.5.

55. (new) An antiseptic composition comprising at least one salt of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA) and a solvent, wherein the at least one EDTA salt comprises tetra-sodium EDTA and is at a concentration of at least 2.0% (w/v) and less than 15% (w/v), wherein the antiseptic composition has a bactericidal effect over a broad spectrum of microbes, wherein the antiseptic composition has a pH of at least 9.5, and wherein the antiseptic composition has an osmolarity of from 240 – 500 mOsM/Kg.

56. (new) A lock flush composition comprising at least one salt of ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA) and a solvent, wherein the at least one EDTA salt comprises tetra-sodium EDTA and is at a concentration of at least 2.0% (w/v) and less than 15% (w/v), wherein the lock flush composition has a pH of at least 9.5, and wherein the lock flush composition is safe and biocompatible for use in in-dwelling access catheters, urinary catheters, nasal tubes and throat tubes.